

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 13 without my signature.

Current law already requires hospitals to have written staffing plans for nursing staff. In addition, hospitals must determine the staffing needs for “non-licensed” classifications using the hospital’s individual patient care requirements and their system of providing care. The Department of Public Health already has the authority to issue deficiencies and administrative penalties to hospitals when an investigation concludes that staffing deficiencies lead to harm or poor patient outcomes.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger